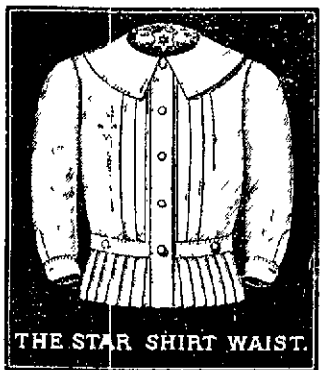


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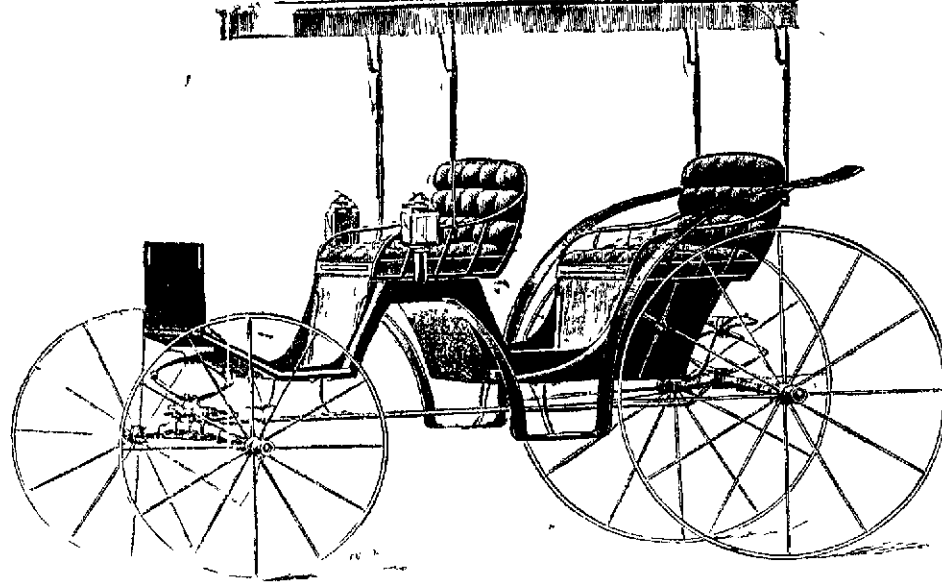
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ELIZABETH STUART PHELPS.

A Sketch of the Author of Religio-Philosophical Stories.

[Special Correspondence] New York, May 28.—This lady is a writer of spiritual romances, stories which deal with the inner rather than the outer events and changes of her heroes and heroines. When, in 1868, her first book of this character, "Gates Ajar," was published, the wave of inquiry into those subjects, which now runs so high, was just beginning to rise. The book at once intensified its force and increased its size to respectable proportions.

It was a simple story of faith in a life beyond the grave; but it was a departure from the usual manner of presenting it. Its peculiarity was that it permitted each person the making of his own judgment in the world to follow thus, even as he makes it more or less here, the kingdom of God being within us and not in external. It was so far as to hold out the very novel idea that there are planes in heaven. Harpe had always been accredited to celestial chimes, but piano, being of modern construction, were popularly supposed to have no souls, hence no immortality—in short, earth born and earth destined instruments. The thought was too startling for many. It was resented by the class of people who wanted harps and harps only in their heavenly choir. As a matter of course the book aroused resentment and criticism, and that helped to make its fortune. The learned and the unlearned, the profound and the simple, read it and either enjoyed it remarkably or attacked it bitterly.

Since then Miss Phelps has written sixteen books, which Houghton, Mifflin & Co., of Boston, have published, the last being "Gates Between," a remarkable and interesting story, which reaches out into a future life. This book would seem to be the most complete of her series. It was not that the public has been treated to so much daring literature on the spirit of man and his destiny that it is no longer appalled at extraordinary conceptions and bold assertions.

Miss Phelps was born in Boston in 1844, and is a daughter of the Puritans. Both of her grandfathers were Congregational ministers. Professor Moses Stuart, her mother's father, was an eminent Massachusetts divine of his day, a Bible commentator and pioneer of Bible literature in the United States.

Elizabeth Phelps, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Phelps, was a little girl he left Boston and located at Andover, Mass., where he filled the professorship of the Andover Theological Seminary. Both he and Mrs. Phelps had scholarly tastes and were authors of reputation.

Mrs. Phelps died when Elizabeth was but 8 years old. The event saddened the girlhood of the future author, causing much of her early life to be passed in a somewhat isolated manner. Her faculty for story telling began to assert itself while she was at school in Andover. Her first literary venture was a story written when she was 18 years old, and published in The Youth's Companion. Later she wrote a story of the war, called "A Sacrifice Consumed," which appeared in Harper's Magazine in 1865.

Soon after one of her most striking tales, "The Tenth of January," appeared in The Atlantic. She had written and published other things, but these stories were the first to attract attention and lay the foundation of her fame. For some time she continued to write short stories, some of which were published in magazines and some in books. "Gates Ajar" was begun in 1864. To its subject matter she had given much thought. The result of this was that the book took hold on the reading world. It was translated into many languages and had an astonishing sale. It had within it the force and feeling of the author's soul, that indescribable quality which has power to awaken other souls. It is today, without doubt, the best known of her works.

Since then she has published a series of novels about the mysterious "gates" which divide this world from that which follows. In 1869 "Beyond the Gates" appeared. It also dealt affirmatively with the question of the soul's immortality. The same thought pervades the poem in her volume "Songs of the Silent World."

"Gates Between," her latest book, was published last year. It told the story of the life of a modelistically minded man after death. It touches that spiritual world which each soul develops here in its only capital. In the force and feeling of the author's soul, that indescribable quality which has power to awaken other souls. It is today, without doubt, the best known of her works.

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Election Notice.

OFFICE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the office of the Mason County Title Abstract Company (in the room formerly occupied by the County Clerk) in Decatur, on Tuesday, June 5th, 1888, for the purpose of electing one Member of the Board of Education, to serve for the term of three years. Said election will open at 3 o'clock p. m. and close at 6 o'clock p. m.

W. A. BARNES, President

E. A. GASTMAN, Clerk

Notice.

To Whom It May Concern:

The undersigned hereby gives notice that at the next regular meeting of the city council, to be held June 4, 1888, he will apply for a license to retail intoxicating liquors in a building situated on lot 8, block 4, Third Building Will Addition, known as No. 122 East Edgewood street, said building owned by O. J. Johnson.

JOHN MICHAEL.

Only Three More.

On May 22d, June 5th and 12th, the Terre Haute & Tipton R. R. will sell round trip tickets to points in Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Dakota and Iowa, at One Fare. These are the last of the cheap excursions to the West for this season. For further information and tickets call on any agent on the line, or address THOS. PENNELL, City Passenger Agent, American Exp. Office.

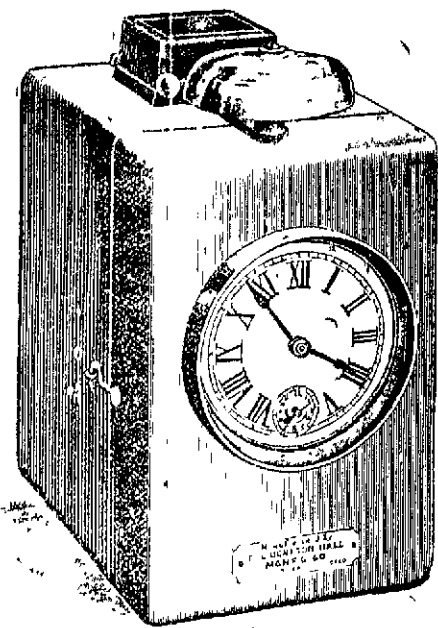
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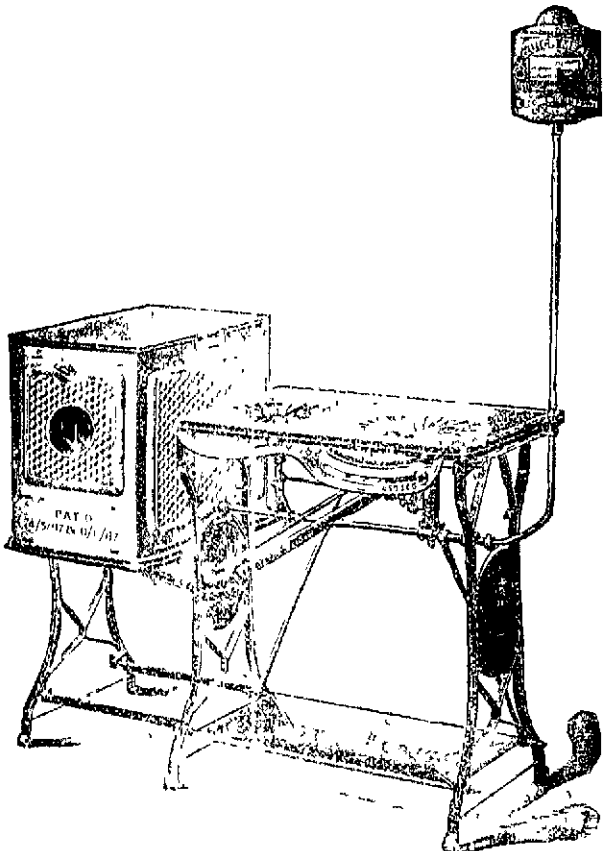
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ANNOUNCEMENT.
We are authorized to announce the name of D. L. RYAN, of Decatur, for the office of Circuit Judge in the Fourth Judicial District.

THURSDAY EVE., MAY 31, 1888.

LOCAL NEWS.

Flags, in all sizes, for Decoration Day, at E. D. BAKHOLMEW & Co.'s.

COMMENCEMENT to-morrow.

The sweet girl graduates are all in a better to-day.

The Decatur team is at Crawfordsville to-day.

The Blind Boone concert company is coming soon.

There were but comparatively few country people in the city yesterday.

Quite a party of Decatur people will go to Elwin to-night to attend the ice cream and strawberry festival.

Tom Surveys, \$25 to \$200, at Ferriss & Lapham's, may 24-dit

The crowd at Greenwood yesterday was variously estimated at 6,000 to 10,000.

An Italian named Charles Polletta claims to have been robbed last night of \$15. He has had a warrant sworn out for the arrest of Asa Brown.

W. H. SHORR will lease storage room for stoves and furniture.

OAKLAND PARK had a big crowd for several hours last night to hear the splendid organ concert given by Goodman's band.

All leading grocers sell Shellbarger & Co.'s White Loaf and Daily Bread flour. Buy it.

The Italian band, which has been giving music for stray mules about the city, is a good one. It had a big crowd of admirers in front of the St. Nicholas last evening.

ANYTHING you want for the table can be had at Knudsen & Osborn's family grocery store.

The new hall of Dunham Post, third story of Powers' new block on South Water street, will be thrown open to the public Monday night, when everybody is invited to call and see how the Grand Army live in their post home.

Stray and see Hanks & Patterson on South Water street and select good groceries, fruits and berries.

The favorite family flour is the always reliable White Flour brand. Use it.

The bills are up announcing the opening of the Mrs. M. B. Woodworth fourth annual camp-meeting at Oakland Park, on June 7th.

Those famous refrigerators with the water tank attachment are on sale at Lytle & Eckels' hardware store.

For wedding presents examine the splendid line of Etchings at the City Book Store; also an immense variety of fine books, and books in sets, suitable for commencement gifts. 31-dit

W. T. EVANS, General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, is at Grand Rapids, Mich., attending the National Conference of General Secretaries.

MOORE BROS. in opera block are ready at all times to provide you with groceries and fruits.

The venerable Francis A. Brown, of Blue Mound, Rev. Arthur Bradshaw and James Provost, of Decatur, occupied seats on the speaker's stand at the Memorial exercises.

Buy one of those elegant Everett pianos at C. B. Prescott's music parlor.

Do not want the earth; but everybody to keep cool, an order ice from D. A. Maffitt. Telephone 100. July 10

Golden country butter, vegetables and delicious strawberries at J. Lytle & Co.'s grocery store.

Only 10 cents to witness the children's exhibition in calisthenics at Guards' Armory Thursday night. You and your friends are invited. Misses Boyd and Adams are the teachers in charge. 29-3d

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The Bluegrass Shop will make you low figures on vehicle work. 31-dit

Go and see the exhibition exercises in calisthenics at Guards' Armory Thursday night by the pupils of Miss Boyd and Miss Adams. 29-3d

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For the trade only, at the new commission house of G. W. EHRHART & Co. 31-dit

A CHURCH of G. W. EHRHART & Co. for fifteen years will be organized at the Musical College, corner Main and William streets, June 6th, at 2 p. m. Tuition, \$1.50 for twenty lessons. 25-dit

It was a cold winter and ye local prophets predicted a cold summer, but let me tell. Get your refrigerators ready and order ice from D. A. Maffitt. The summer will be a scorcher! Telephone 100. July 10

New line toe alippers—only 50c—at Ferriss & Lapham's. may 24-dit

The Musical College will be open all summer for business. Corner Main and William Sts. 31-dit

Go to J. S. Hughes for tin roofing and spouting—564 North Water St. 31-dit

IN HONOR OF THE PATRIOT DEAD.

Memorial Day Services—The Parade—Salutes and Flowers for the Fallen.

Patriotic Address by Gen. C. W. Pavey.

The patriotic and grateful people of Decatur, as is their annual custom, assembled by the thousands at Greenwood cemetery yesterday afternoon to hear the orator of the day and by their presence and gifts of flowers to honor to the fallen heroes who sleep in the city of the dead. It was a typical summer day, and while there were but comparatively few visitors in the city from the country, the crowd at the cemetery was estimated at 7,000 to 10,000.

THE PARADE.

was carried out according to programme, under the direction of Chief Marshal, Major Hays and Commander C. M. Imboden, assistant. The line of march was north on Water to North street, west on North to Main, and south on Main direct to the cemetery.

To the procession were the Light Guard Band, Dunham Post 141, Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps, the orator and clergyman, the fire department apparatus handsomely decorated, gaily dressed little girls in decorated lunks, members of the choir, citizens in vehicles and on foot.

AT THE CEMETERY.

Extra provision had been made by Dunham Post for the accommodation and comfort of the great crowd. A permanent speaker's stand, with seating capacity for 200 people, with a wide platform in front for the orator, had been erected in front of a steep hillside near the river at the southwest corner of the grounds. The stand, which was built under the direction of Capt. L. N. Martin, is a handsome structure, nicely painted, and has a tall flag staff, from which floated the stars and stripes. The stand cost about \$350 and will be used on all memorial occasions. Along the hillside were arranged a great number of temporary seats for the multitude; but there were not enough for the crowd, as hundreds had to sit on the grass and gather about in the roadway in front of the stand. Probably 4,000 people were in front of and near the stand during the speaking.

THE EXERCISES.

After quiet was restored the band played an overture, "Gloria Rock," followed by a song by Mr. L. L. Crosthwait of male voices, solo by Mr. L. L. Crosthwait, and a chorus of the same. Commander W. H. Shorb then stepped forward and announced the reading of the National and Departmental general orders, Comrade Geo. R. Steele performing that office. Address by Commander Shorb. Rev. James Miller, pastor of the First M. E. church, offered prayer. Music by the choir. After announcing the opening of the G. A. R. Post hall Monday night and the War Song concert, Comrade Steele introduced GEN. C. W. PAVEY.

who proceeded to deliver the memorial address. A synopsis of the noble effort will be found on the fourth page of this issue. The General was in good voice and could be easily heard to the top of the hill and 200 feet to the right and left of the stand. He had been a soldier himself and it was therefore with special interest that his old comrades in arms listened attentively to his tender eulogy of the dead and enthusiastically applauded his patriotic utterances. The address was studded with points that found hearty endorsement from the crowd, who interrupted the speaker in manifesting their appreciation of the sentiments expressed. In referring to the beautiful custom of remembering the dead heroes, Gen. Pavey remarked that even now there were some sentimental souls who go so far as to expect us to offer apologies for these patriotic observations. We must never do that. We must always honor the brave men who braved their breasts to the bullets of these men in rebellion. The speaker further declared that he didn't want Jeff Davis or anyone else going through the country and poisoning the minds of the young men by stating that the South was right in the stand it took in '61. "We must hold that we were right, eternally right, in that struggle, and that the South was wrong, inwardly wrong." At the close the General was warmly applauded, and was personally congratulated by near friends as he took his seat.

An appropriate vocal selection was given by Mr. K. Harwood, Miss Nellie Carter, L. L. Crosthwait and Bert Gher, and while the band was playing the firing squad marched off to the soldiers' graves, where three salutes were fired over the silent mounds. The graves had previously been decorated by the little girls, and after the benediction at the stand the crowd quietly dispersed for their homes.

AT ARGENTA.

Fred Spooner Post, 294, held memorial exercises at Argenta in the presence of a large crowd of people. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. N. Hogg, of Bethany, and Rev. J. A. Burkes, of Argenta. The graves of the dead soldiers buried in the cemetery near the Cumberland Post-Station church were crowned with flowers.

Rev. E. D. Wilkin, chaplain of General Grant's old regiment, and brother of Judge Wilkin, delivered the oration at Cerro Gordo.

Visitors to Chicago June 19th are reminded that a turnstile, which will register every admission into the Republican National Convention, will be used, and it is asserted that no person will be admitted without a ticket. Coupon tickets, changeable daily, will be issued. This arrangement, if carried out, will effectively check the "stealing in" which has been practiced in former conventions.

Notice to Singers.

All the singers and full orchestras of the May Festival are requested to meet at the First M. E. church next Sabbath at 8:30 o'clock for a social sing.

39-3d

11.00 To Peoria.

Don't forget the dollar excursion to Peoria over the T. H. & P. road on Wednesday, June 6th. Train will leave Decatur at 9:45 a. m., arriving Peoria at 9:50 a. m. Returning leave Peoria at 6 p. m. The rear coaches will be reserved for Decatur people. 30-dit

COMMEMORATION EXERCISES and annual concert of the Decatur Musical College at the opera house Thursday evening, June 7th. Lower floor, 25c; gallery, 15c. Seats reserved free on 25-dit

Not Forgotten.

After the crowd left Greenwood last evening Goodman's Band proceeded to the cemetery and decorated the grave of Prof. A. Goodman, their old leader, who passed away some years ago. The band played three selections, Mrs. Goodman being present for the first time since the band adopted the beautiful custom of strewing the grave of the dead leader.

Shoot Him.

According to a St. Louis weather prophet the month of June is to be a stormy one. The first storms are to occur on the 1st and 2d. After that the weather is to be clear for three days. Commencing on the 6th clear weather will ensue until the 19th, after which the storms last until the 24th. On the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 20th, 21st, 22d and 23d the storms are to be unusually severe.

At the meeting of the first ward Democratic club held last night the following officers were elected: W. F. Dennis, president; J. R. Hayden, vice-president; H. D. Wagner, secretary; James Dayton, treasurer; J. W. Sullivan, Stephen Tabor, M. C. Purdy, James Veale and J. B. Becker, executive committee; delegates to state convention, Cyrus Randolph, James Brand, James Dayton, J. B. Becker, Stephen Tabor, H. D. Wagner, J. W. Sullivan, Clay McMillan, W. F. Dennis, M. C. Purdy.

This afternoon Mrs. W. B. Chambers gave a pleasant reception in honor of Mrs. J. A. Close, of San Jose, Cal. About 40 friends attended the reception.

Brett's Return.

George Brett, who went to New Mexico to contest single-handed against Conant and Legston, two swift hose couplers, returned home yesterday morning. In the three contests Brett was defeated. Total scores—first night, C. & L., 13; Brett, 7; second night, Brett 14; C. & L., 6; third night, C. & L., 13; Brett, 7. Average—C. & L., 10.6; Brett, 9.1. Geo. says he can do up the greasers and will probably arrange a match in Decatur.

GEN. PAVEY'S address is generally commended as a patriotic, outspoken effort. All of the old soldiers were more than pleased with it, and they cheered as enthusiastically as the solemn occasion would allow.

Bought a \$14,000 Farm.

Matson Journal: Dr. Walston, of Decatur, has purchased the William A. Elder farm of Wm. A. Steele, containing 320 acres, at \$42.50 an acre, making a total of \$13,600. The land lies just east of Sullivan, 40 acres inside of the city limits. This is one of the best farms in Moultrie county and is well adapted to grain or stock. The doctor made a great bargain when he purchased the farm.

Base Ball.

Games on May 30: Decatur 9, Danville 4; Danville 10, Decatur 4; Danville 3, Rockford 1; Danville 5, Peoria 1; Peoria 15, Danville 7; Crawfordsville 14, Bloomington 4; Crawfordsville 10, Bloomington 0. No second game at Dubuque because of rain.

The Washburn transportation nine was knocked out yesterday by the car department nine by the score of 45 to 15.

The Linn & Scruggs nine defeated the New York Store and F. L. Hays & Co. combination nine 22 to 25 in seven innings.

Linn & Scruggs—Westerman, c; Grove, a; Malone, 1 b; Martin, 1 b; Hays, p; Stoddard, 2 b; Madden, 2 b; Wilson, r; Stoddard, c.

Bradley Bros.—Hays—Shroeder, c; Bob Hays, p; Harry Hays, 1 b; McKerns, a; Travis, 2 b; Boyer, 3 b; Moore, r; Quimby, c; V. H. Hays, 1 b.

By hitting—Linn & Scruggs 7; 6 0 4 8—32; Bradley Bros. 5; 5 9 2 2—25. Other games: Golden Eagles 3, Third Warders 2, Boothlands 17, Newsboys 13.

The stage at the opera house is being decorated to-day for the commencement exercises, which will begin at 9 o'clock to-morrow forenoon. The class motto, "Through Difficulties to the Stars," will appear in evergreens, and below will appear a snow white ladder.

The Five Year Limit.

As stated in these columns in a recent issue the pastoral hunt in the Methodist Episcopal church will hereafter be five instead of three years. This is a change which has been agitated for years. The influence that have been at work to bring this amendment about came largely from ministers and churches that have had to maintain their charges, in rivalry with ministers of other denominations whose pastoral terms have been without limitation or restriction. It may be safely assumed that the church at large will cordially indorse the change. This leaves the maximum term of service five years, when it has hitherto been three years, and the presiding bishops may now as formerly make changes at the end of every year, if it is for the best interests of the charge, the conference and the preacher. A Decatur preacher predicts that there will be more changes under three years by the adoption of this rule than heretofore.

Crop Prospects.

The reports received on this date from all portions of the state are such assurances that much needed rains have visited all portions and that warm, growing weather has prevailed during the past week. The prospects are more favorable than they have been for some time. The corn crop is making good growth and the color and vitality of the plant is improving under the influence of a sunny and a seasonable temperature. There is only a fair stand of corn and the cold backward spring has necessitated more replanting than usual. Corn is needing cultivation, which will be delayed by the heavy rains of the past week, except on drained lands.

GRAIN—The warm, growing weather of the past week has had a marked effect for good upon this crop, which is nearly up to an average condition, in the majority of counties in the state.

WHEAT—There has been considerable improvement in the condition of spring wheat in the central and northern counties and nearly an average yield can be seen, with favorable season until harvest, is expected. The condition of winter wheat is about the same as heretofore reported. Nearly an average yield per acre is anticipated by the correspondents of Union, Alexander, Hardin, and from half to three-fourths of an average yield per acre in the counties of Williamson, Pope, Jackson, Randolph, White, Wabash, Clay, Marion, St. Clair, and much less in the counties in the southern division not named.

GRASS LANDS—There has been a marked improvement in the condition of meadows and pastures during the past week, in all portions of the state.

FRUIT—The prospects for small fruits in most of the southern counties is good, and the quality and yield of strawberries is about up to an average.

LIVE STOCK—The condition of farm animals is better than at date of last report.

Have plenty ice at all. Send in your orders, both great and small, to D. A. Maffitt, or telephone 100. July 10

Drop you see the little Gens at Chasleys?

The Alumni Reunion.

Below is the programme for the High School Alumni reunion at the opera house Friday night at eight o'clock, to be followed by the reception and banquet at the court house:

Orchestra..... Harry Bumsard
Introduction..... Harry Bumsard
Address of Welcome..... Charles Denton
Response..... Harry Bumsard
Solo..... Ada Bort
Oration..... Charles Denton
Music..... Harry Bumsard
Address..... Harry Bumsard
Piano Duet—Tournament of Officers
Social..... Harry Bumsard
Benediction..... Rev. T. W. Pinkerton

Sales of Real Estate.

Daniel Loughboro to William O. Loughboro, 83 feet in width of the south side of lot 6, block 1, Darter & King's addition, \$600.

George Starns to John Peckett, lot 8, block 18, Carver's addition, \$310.

R. H. Meriwether to John A. Meriwether, lot 10 and 9 feet in width of the east side of lot 9, in block 8, Western addition, \$3,000.

A Wedding.

At Springfield, Ill., on May 25th, 1888, Mr. Henry Martin and Miss Mary Stansult, both of Decatur, were united in marriage by a justice of the peace. Mr. and Mrs. Martin will commence house-keeping about the first of next week. They are staying at present with Mr. and Mrs. John Goddard.

Go Along.

The 6 o'clock freight train on the Washburn will carry passengers this evening to Blue Mound for the accommodation of all who may desire to attend the Prof. Bull concert at that place to-night. This arrangement has been made by Mr. G. A. Hurd. Report at the depot at six o'clock, if you want to go along and hear a fine concert. The train will return at 11 o'clock.

The War Song Concert.

There was a large audience at the First M. E. church last night to hear the very liberal programme of war songs and negro melodies given by the church choir, with L. L. Crosthwait as director, Miss Gale organist, and Prof. Nilsson, director of Juvenile Orchestra. The audience room was appropriately decorated with flags of various sizes. The songs were given with spirit and carried the audience back to the exciting days of '61 and '65. Miss Knieper's "Old Folks at Home" solo was received with special favor. The members of the Juvenile Orchestra surprised the audience by their skill and the grace and perfection with which they gave the difficult selections. Director Crosthwait had devoted much time in drilling the talented choir for the concert, and in the arrangement of the programme had endeavored to cover all phases of the war.

THE PROGRAMME.

Red, White and Blue..... Full Chorus
The First Step is Faith..... Mr. Johnson and Chorus
We are Coming, Father Abraham..... We are Coming, Father Abraham
Soldier's Farewell..... Mr. Gher and Chorus
Mesa's Glen, Johnson, Stader and Chorus.
Patriotic Song..... Mr. Johnson and Chorus
Just before the Battle, Menden
Star Spangled Banner..... Full Chorus
Selection by the Juvenile Orchestra
Singing "Faith"..... Mr. Johnson and Chorus
Old Shady..... Mr. Johnson and Chorus
Columbia's Guardian Angel.....
Miss Gher and Male Quartette.
Marching Through Georgia..... Full Chorus
Old Folks at Home..... Miss Lavinia Knieper
Tamp, Tamp, Tamp..... Mr. Loecher and Chorus
Selection by the Juvenile Orchestra
Old Fred's Theme..... Mr. Gher and Chorus
Kingdom Coming..... Mr. Johnson and Chorus
When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again.....
Miss Weigand and Chorus

The Vesper Chorus
Mesa's Glen, Johnson, Gander, Crosthwait, Stader, Stevens, Gher and Williams
Our Native Land..... Mr. Gher and Chorus
Selection by the Juvenile Orchestra
America..... Full Chorus

PERSONAL MENTION.

Ben. Howenstein and Will Hostetler were among the Decatur pilgrims to Danville yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Shull departed this morning for Spokane Falls, Washington Territory.

Miss Belle Heilbrun, of Decatur, and Emil Sturm, of Clinton, will be united in marriage on June 6th.

Gen. C. W. Pavey attended the war song concert last night, in company with Commander W. H. Shorb and Major Steele.

T. M. Shonkwiler, spoken of as the probable democratic nominee for congress in this district, and Miss Alice Thompson will be married at Belmont June 6th.

E. T. Vail, Republican nominee for circuit judge, who has been making a tour of the counties in the fourth circuit, has arrived in the city. The outlook is fair for a good vote on Monday.

C. G. Dorwin, who will to-night succeed G. M. Abbott as general agent for the L. J. & W. road, arrived in the city this morning from Springfield, where he has been connected with the Ohio & Mississippi road. Mr. D. is a single man and is well up in railway business.

PHILIP PHILLIPS at the OPERA HOUSE, NEXT MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY EVENINGS. ADMISSION, 35 & 50 CTS. TICKETS NOW ON SALE AT PRESCOTT'S. 30-3d-w1

Lemons, Oranges and Bananas.

We have just received a fresh shipment of Lemons, Oranges and Bananas, which we considered the best lot ever brought to this market. We offer this to the trade only. Call and get our prices; you will find us reasonable.

GEO. W. EHRHART & Co., Wholesale Commission House.

23-3d

SNOWDRIFTS ten feet high are still to be found in the neighborhood of Newbern's settlement, Sullivan county, N. Y.

Don't forget D. A. Maffitt will have five immense signs out this season, and will fill any orders to all parts of city in good season. Telephone 100. July 10

Election.

Notice is hereby given that the annual election for the purpose of electing directors of the Decatur Board of Trade, will be held at the office of J. M. Cloyer, in Court House block, on Monday, June 4, 1888. That the polls will be opened at 2 o'clock, p. m., and remain open until 5 p. m., of said day. The annual meeting of the Stockholders will be held at same place at 7:30 p. m. of same day.

P. LOAN, Pres. 22-3d

Just received—Inches' Dongola Oxford ties, B. O. D. and—at Ferriss & Lapham's. may 24-dit

Chicago Grain Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1 p. m. to-day, received by G. C. Caldwell, Secretary Decatur Grain Co.:
WHEAT—54 May; 54 June; 54 July; 54 Aug.
OATS—38 1/2 May; 38 1/2 June; 38 1/2 July; 38 1/2 Aug.
FLOUR—\$14.02 June; \$14.12 July; \$14.22 Aug.
LARD—\$8.40 June; \$8.45 July; \$8.50 Aug.
TALLOW—\$7.50 June; \$7.57 July; \$7.62 Aug.

Live Stock—Estimated receipts—Hogs 23,000; prospects lower.

Cattle 9,000; prospects steady.

Car Lots—Wheat: winter, 13; spring, 20. Corn, 97 1/2. Oct, 65 1/2.

Grains in Ladies' Felt Hats, at B. Bumsard.

SPECIAL BARGAINS

For One Week,
BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 28.

ALL-WOOL BEIGES IN NEW SHADES, At 37 1/2c—worth 50c.

PIN HEAD WOOL SUITINGS At 25c—Former Price 40c.

FRENCH SERGES, IN ALL THE NEW SHADES, At

